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VEB Blechverformungswerk Leipzig VVB IFA

1. The IFA Blechverformungswerk, [REDACTED] had formerly been called the Muffler (Schalldaempfer) Plant and also the Ebersbacher Plant, after the former owner. Before the war the plant was originally in Esslingen, but was moved to Leipzig. 25X1
2. This plant used two different stamps on its products. [REDACTED] 25X1

a. This stamp was used by every plant in East Germany to indicate the product quality. Inside the triangle appears one of three symbols: "S" (special class); "O" (very good) or "I" (good).



b. This stamp indicated that the product was made at IFA Blechverformung.



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3. The production of spare parts for [redacted] vehicles had first priority in the plant. The biggest part of the production of the plant was in radiators for trucks, [redacted] The 1953 production plan called for 20,000 radiators a year, but this plan was subsequently cut back to 14,000. 25X1
4. Production models of radiators used brass exclusively, but the plant was experimenting with the use of aluminum in radiators. Shortages of both brass and aluminum, as well as shortages of tin, copper and lead, existed. Another important shortage was electric motors. [redacted] these shortages were caused by difficulties probably due to poor machinery in the plants supplying such commodities. 25X1

Procedure for establishing annual production plan

5. In setting up the annual production plan, the plant submitted to the Ministry its estimate, based on the availability of machines, manpower and also on an assessment of expected orders from other concerns. Preliminary data on the expected production pattern in these firms supplied by Blechverformung were received in the last three or four months of the year. After the Ministry had formally accepted the plant (after possible alterations at the Ministry level), the Soviet Military Authority (SMA) was likely to add its own plan on top of the first one. The SMA plan might call for double the value of production envisaged in the plant-ministry plan. An example of this occurred in 1952, when the SMA added a plan of 8,000,000 DM (East) to the original plan. This added amount was for the production of steel standing strip mats, meant for the production of steel armor plate. 25X1

Production of other plants in East Germany

6. VEB Ilmenauer Fahrzeugwerke, Thuringia, has been having consistent difficulty in the production of truck front axle assemblies and universal joints. These are presently being made in a plant in Ilmenau. Requests for these parts are so great that this plant cannot fill the demand. [redacted] it will be necessary to erect a new plant in order to meet the production plan for these particular parts. 25X1
7. Motorrad und Fahrradwerk, Suhl, [redacted] carbines and pistols were to be made at this plant. [redacted] 25X1
8. Plant at Magdeburg. It was common knowledge [redacted] that armor plate was being produced in a steel plant in Magdeburg. 25X1
9. Plants at Nordhausen, Chemnitz and Zwickau. All of these plants were in the same Ministry (Maschinenbau) as was the IFA Blechverformung Plant. The four commonly helped each other out in the matter of exchange of materials, men, and so forth. There was, however, no formal relationship between them.

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